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SUBJ: FY 1974 VISIT OF PERUVIAN NATIONAL
WAR COLLEGE (CAEM) TO U. S.

1. FOR THE PAST THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS U. S. HAS FUNDED CAEM ORIENTATION TOURS TO U. S. UNDER MAP PROGRAM. UNDER CU PROGRAM WE HAVE UNDERWRITTEN ANNUAL COLLOQUIA WHEREBY WE BRING OUTSTANDING AMERICAN PROFESSORS TO LECTURE FOR ONE WEEK AT CAEM. NEXT COLLOQUIUM NOW SCHEDULED START JULY 2.
2. COUNTRY TEAM ATTACHES HIGH PRIORITY THESE PROJECTS BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE US UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN ACCESS NOT ONLY TO CAEM BUT THROUGH THIS PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTION TO INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AND MILGOV. AS YOU KNOW CAEM EXERTS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE BY VIRTUE FACT ITS GRADUATES RECEIVE SENIOR COMMAND POSITIONS IN SERVICES OR IMPORTANT GOVERNMENTAL POSTS, OFTEN AT VICE- MINISTERIAL LEVEL. MOST GENERAL AND FLAG RANK OFFICERS IN GOV' T AND SERVICE POSITIONS HAVE ATTENDED CAEM. CIVILIAN MEMBERS USUALLY TAKEN FROM KEY MINISTRIES OR IMPORTANT ENTERPRISES FROM PRIVATE SECTOR.

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3. MISSION HAS PROGRAMMED AN FY 74 CAEM ORIENTATION TRIP TO U. S. FOR WHICH APPROXIMATELY \$40,000 ALLOCATED FROM MAP TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS AMOUNT WAS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE AS WE COUNTED ON TAKING ADVANTAGE OF FRENCH GOV' T INVITATION TO CAEM TO VISIT FRANCE . SAVINGS TO U. S. IN TRANSPORTATION COSTS IN COMBINED TRIP WOULD HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIAL. HOWEVER , AS PART OF GOP PROTEST OVER CONTINUED FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS IN SOUTH PACIFIC, JOINT COMMAND HAS DECLINED INVITATION FOR CAEM.

4. RATHER THAN GIVE UP THE CONSIDERABLE BENEFITS WHICH COUNTRY TEAM BELIEVES CAEM ORIENTATION TRIPS YIELD IN OVERALL U. S. NATIONAL INTERESTS, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN EXPLORING IN WASHINGTON THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FROM CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS OR OTHER SOURCES THE ADDITIONAL \$40,000 THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO FINANCE ENTIRE TRIP. REITERATE COUNTRY TEAM BELIEF THIS PROGRAM IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO U. S. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS AND IDEAS. PERHAPS WE CAN DISCUSS WHILE YOU ARE IN LIMA WHILE YOUR STAFF CAN BE WORKING ON PROBLEM AT WASHINGTON END.

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